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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004, for which the one-month date for response is May 20, 2004. Please amend the claims as shown below.

If an extension of time is required to enable this paper to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this paper is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Schlumberger Technology Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0457.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.